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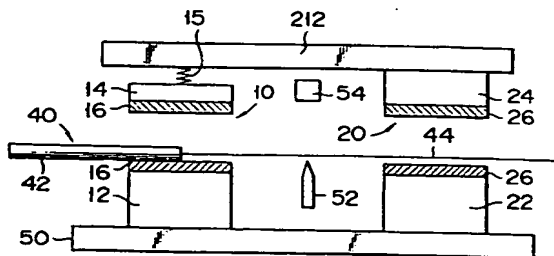
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(54) **Apparatus for cutting an optical fiber.**

(57) An optical fiber cutting apparatus is provided which comprises a plurality of clamps (10, 20, 62) for clamping an optical fiber (40). A scoring blade (52) is provided between two adjacent clamps (10, 62) for making a score on the optical fiber by moving within a plane substantially perpendicular to the optical fiber. A pushing member (54) is also provided for pushing the optical fiber from an opposite side of the score to cut the optical fiber. The pushing member is retracted after the optical fiber cut by the pushing member is rendered movable by releasing the two adjacent clamps while the optical fiber is still being bent by the pushing member.

**FIG. 10A****EP 0 568 113 A2**